FOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS—PRACTISING VAKILS—PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS BEFORE THE DIRECTOR OF FOOD SUPPLIES

155. Mr. T. K. L. Kunjuvareed *(Anthikad):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) how many practising vakils are members of the newly constituted Food Advisory Committee;

(*b*) how many Vakils were in the previous committee;

(*c*) whether there is any special reasons for selecting such legal practitioners to the committee, if so, what are they;

(*d*) how many petitions were presented before the Director of Food Supplies by the Vakils in the year 1119, 1120 and 1121;

(*e*) how were those petitions disposed of?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):*

(*a*) Six.

(*b*) Four.

(*c*) There is no special reason for selecting legal practitioners to the Food Advisory Council.

(*d*) No separate statistics is maintained regarding this and hence it is not possible to give the information.

(*e*) No answer is necessary in view of answer to (*d*).

FIELDMEN IN THE AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT

156. Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) how many fieldmen are there in the State under Agricultural Department;

(*b*) what is the minimum qualification and what are their grades of pay;

(*c*) what is the extent of the jurisdiction of each Fieldman;

(*d*) what are the functions that have been alloted to them;

(*e*) for how many days in a month are they expected to be on tour;

(*f*) what is tour allowance granted to each of them;

(*g*) is there any scheme under consideration of Government to make the work of the Fieldman more efficient than at present?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) 12 (twelve).

Taluk Fieldmen 6 (Attached to each of the six taluks).
Scientific Fieldmen—5 (Attached to each taluk except Cranganur)
Fieldman, Agricultural School, Central Farm 1 (Temporary)

(*b*) S. S. L. C. with Agricultural Training. Grade of pay in the case of the Taluk and Scientific Fieldmen, is Rs. 20—1½—35 each. In the case of the Fieldman of the Agricultural School, Central Farm, the pay is Rs. 20.

(*c*) The extent of jurisdiction in the case of the Taluk Fieldman is fixed and confined to a particular taluk to which he is posted. In the case of the scientific Fieldman, though they are attached to the Inspectorates of the Agricultural Department, they are expected to work under the directions of the Specialists also single or in batches, according to necessity. The Fieldman to the Agricultural School, Central Farm, is to work in the Central Farm alone.

(*d*) The Taluk Fieldmen are to assist the respective Agricultural Inspectors in their Field work and to work under their immediate directions, in respect of Demonstration and propaganda and other agricultural matters pertaining to a taluk.

The scientific fieldmen are to work, single or in batches, under the directions of both the Agricultural Inspectors and Specialists (in consultation beforehand) for the eradication of pests and diseases in the State. Their jurisdiction is not fixed.

The fieldman attached to the Agricultural School, Central Farm, is to assist the Agricultural Teacher in his field work in connection with the practical teaching of Agriculture to the students undergoing training at the Central Farm.

(*e*) The Taluk Fieldmen and Scientific Fieldmen are required to be on tour for at least 20 days in a month. The Fieldman, Agricultural School, Central Farm, has no touring work.

(*f*) Rs. 10 as Consolidated Travelling allowance each per mensem in the case of the Taluk and Scientific Fieldmen. They are now given an increase of 33 1/3 per cent on the allowance due to war conditions. The Fieldman, Agricultural School, is not a touring subordinate, and hence not given tour allowance.

(*g*) No scheme at present under the consideration of Government. Considering their qualifications their work is efficient enough.

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